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## Too Much Collection.

A Scottish gentleman paying a visit to London was taken by his nephew to a service in St. Paul's cathedral. He had no acquaintance whatever with the liturgy of the Church of England. He picked up a prayer book and became very much interested, but as he turned over the leaves his face became clouded with a look of intense anxiety. He placed the prayer book carefully down, looked cautiously around, picked up his hat and crept stealthily to the door. His nephew followed him and said:

"Are you ill, uncle? What is the matter?"

The uncle replied: "No. But it is enough to make any man ill to see the number of collections made in this kirk!"

"Collections!" said the nephew, in surprise. "If there is any at all, there certainly won't be more than one."

"Well," said the uncle, "they should not mark so many in the book. There's naething but 'collect' and bits of prayer, then 'collect' and more prayers, and 'collect' again. And says I to myself, 'If I bide here until all these collections are ta'en, I'll no' have a haw-see in ma pocket!'"—London Tit-Bits.

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